# St. Croix Riverway

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St. Croix National Scenic Riverway

### **Nevers Dam Landing to St. Croix Falls**

This stretch of the St. Croix River is referred to as the **Indianhead Flowage**. During the summer of 2001, new designated campsites were created and new camping regulations were implemented. Camping is now allowed only in designated sites.



#### Why Change?

Protecting the St. Croix requires careful camping. National Park Service staff surveyed the Indianhead Flowage area and determined that some of the sites used by campers did not meet waste disposal requirements. Other heavily used sites needed restoration because of trampled vegetation and soil erosion.

After numerous meetings with interested citizens, several changes were made to better protect the resource and provide needed facilities at all campsites. The National Park Service will continue to monitor camping use on the flowage to determine whether the changes have been effective.

#### Camping Regulations

Camping is permitted in designated campsites only. Locations of the designated sites are shown on the attached map. Each of these 14 campsites is identified with a camping symbol. All designated sites are provided with a fire ring, picnic table and primitive toilet.

The length of stay for campsites on the flowage is three nights. The maximum length of stay on this section of river is 30 days between May 15 and September 15.

Campsites on the flowage are considered individual sites. Recommended occupancy for each site is a maximum of 8 people and 3 tents.

A number of sites are closed for restoration. They include the small island near Lions Park, locally known as Rock Island, Tin Can Island and Wild River Island.

Signs will clearly identify areas open for day use only and those closed for restoration.

Quiet hours are from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Dead and down wood may be collected on the flowage except on islands. Fires are permitted only in the fire rings at designated campsites.

Houseboaters may tie-up to shore anywhere on the flowage for overnight stay, but will not be allowed to build fires, or set-up tents on shore. Houseboaters are required to use their onboard facilities for waste disposal.

Campsites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no reservation system for camping on the Riverway.

Plan ahead and bring trash bags as there is a carry-in, carry-out policy at the Riverway.

Glass beverage containers are prohibited at the Riverway.

Fireworks are prohibited within the National Scenic Riverway.

Pets must be on a leash.

#### Safety

Wearable personal floatation devices (PFDs) are required onboard for <u>each</u> person. It is recommended that you wear them

The three, shiny, large-toothed leaves of **poison ivy** are common at wood's edge.

Wood and **deer ticks** are found along the Riverway. Learn the symptoms for Lyme disease. Avoid areas with tall grass and tuck long pants into socks.

Bring an adequate **water** supply. The safest method of purifying river water for drinking is to bring it to a rolling boil for at least one minute.

## For More Information

Handouts are available describing camping, fishing, hiking, canoeing and more. Contact St. Croix National Scenic Riverway at (715) 483-3284, ext. 638, to request information, or visit our website at www.nps.gov/sacn.

The St. Croix Visitor Center is located at: 401 Hamilton Street St. Croix Falls, WI 54024

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